

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Monthly Meeting May 26, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Bob Noyes.

Members present were: Bob Noyes, Bill Marx, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Paul Figel, Chuck Pomatto, Joe and Mary Ann Mathews, Randy Griffin, Margaret and Mike Conlin, Bob Turney, Gay Boyer, Cheryl Templeton, and Jean Ryan. Our guest was Carol Gutzler of the Park Forest Crime Watch and VIP.

Minutes from the last meeting as posted on the website were approved.

The Crime Watch Treasury has a total of \$6,222.85 after \$267.82 expenses were paid as follows: May Pay Pal for website due collection \$3.44, Ross Coulter reimbursed for National Night Out \$49.74, GoDaddy May web hosting \$9.99, and Paul Figel reimbursed for new auto VIP patrol signs \$205.68.

As of this date, 177 households have paid Crime Watch dues (\$885.00) and 179 households have paid ENP dues (\$22,815). Both these figures represent 17% of our neighborhood households.

There were 6 crime incidences in April for our area, same as last year at this time, as follows:

- 1 Business Burglary (4100 block of Merrell storage shed broken into), the same as last year at this time
- 0 Residential Burglaries, the same as last year at this time
- 1 BMV (4100 block of Killion tailgate from truck was removed in driveway), down 1 from last year at this time
- 2 Thefts (3800 block of Princess patio umbrella taken from back yard and 10000 block of Midway at Recreation Center cell phone taken from person's shorts pocket), same as last year at this time
- 2 Auto Thefts (10000 block of Marsh at grocery store parking lot, one was an attempt to steal on Watch 2 and the other was stolen on Watch 3), up 1 from last year at this time

Chuck announced that the number of patrols have increased last month. He thanked the following members for their dedication: Martha Templeton, Paul Figel, Bob Turney, Gay Boyer, Cheryl Templeton, Margaret and Mike Conlin, Mary Ann and Joe Mathews, Joyce Tepley, and Phil Hughes.

Paul showed us the new patrol magnetic signs with the VIP logo on. He has two requests to help protect the signs: (1) Lay them flat when stored at fire station. DO NOT BEND. (2) Place on CLEAN surface of your car.

Bob announced his recent election as Homeowner's President. We all congratulated him on his willingness to take on the job. A newsletter and announcement went out for the

first HO meeting under his presidency. About 50 people attended with Ann Margolin, our City Council Person addressing issues of concern in our neighborhood, and plaque given to Ross Coulter for his 14 years of dedicated service.

Discussion followed regarding preparations for our Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. HELP is needed in setting up tables, decorating, and cleaning up. Call Bob to volunteer.

Bill stopped at the churches on Marsh Lane and gave them a copy of our newsletter.

Phil asked to have a poster made to display the website address at future HO meetings. He will create one and purchase an easel to put it on.

Jean Ryan showed a metal No Soliciting sign on a metal stick that could be displayed in front of someone's house. It has legal standing to deter people from trying to sell you something, but will not stop flyers being placed at your property. The sturdy sign displays the City Ordinance number and costs about \$25.00. Call Jean Ryan for information on buying one. Cheaper plastic stick-on No Soliciting signs can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot or a hardware store, but do not have the Ordinance #.

Neighbors near Peter Pan Park have reported an increase in drug and sexual activity in the park. Bob has asked our ENP and the police to increase patrols there. New signs will be posted by the city forbidding alcohol. All city parks close at midnight.

Someone asked how much the ENP costs per hour. The answer is approximately \$45.00 to \$50.00 per hour. We pay the police person \$35.00 per hour and the vehicle with gas makes up the rest.

Elections for the new slate of officers for VIP were held tonight. The present officers agreed to serve another year. Bill moved and Phil seconded to accept the present slate. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley
Secretary